

**Civic Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**July 2, 2013**

Meeting convened @ 7:05 P.M.

**Attendance:** Civic Committee: Tom Wheeler, Ed Rohrbach, Community Planning: Ray Seigfried , Advisory: Bill Theis and Guest: Dale Brumbaugh, Shelley Robyn, Laura Wallace, Larry Walker, Valery Hutchinson, Elaine Hickey, Jennifer Hintlian , Megan King and Alex Rudzinski

**Roads**

Survey of Road Condition delayed due to rainy weather. Anticipate will be completed in a week. Fire lane that is used as Steve Tanzer's driveway (it is memorial garden land) is torn up with ruts from Ron's Tree service trucks. Road eroding away down by Nordhiemer's leasehold on the right of way. Storm drain was dug up resulting soil eroding away into storm. Needs some concrete. Ed will check it out.

**Street signs**

Installed signs at the swim gild and Arden club meadow.

**Trash**

Tom will request new Trash Bins for the three homes. Hopefully they will receive them shortly.

**Tree**

Elaine Hickey reported the presence of a dead Elm tree on Lover's lane path and did not know if it was on town land. Valery Hutchinson also has a possible dead tree on Lower Lane near her home. Ed will check them out.

**Mosquitoes.**

Jennifer Hintlian is concerned with standing water and mosquitoes. Arden page had an article last year about precautionary measure. Maybe rerun it yearly.

**Verizon** proposed to install a tower on forest land Potentially a good income stream for the town and with today's technology it could potentially be less invasive than years past. They are looking for a location and will prepare a proposal for the town.

**Town Motion:**

1. The motion that was presented by Toby Ridings on behalf of the community gardens at the June 2013 Town Assembly was read. A copy is attached.  
The amendment to the motion was reread. A copy is attached.

Discussion of Town Motion:

Is it better to remove the willow oak tree or to move the garden? (a copy of the shading diagram that is impacting the garden is attached)

Discussion:

Larry Walker presented a letter from Elizabeth Varley, (attached) and gave an estimate of the cost of moving the fence enclosing the garden, and some suggestions as to where it could be moved.

Ed: If the garden is moved there is no place that he can think of that has sun exposure and water supply that is not being used for some other purpose.

Ed: If we took out the willow oak tree, tow red maples in time would spread and create the same shading problem for the garden and the solar collectors on the roof of the BWVC. The River Birch; they will shade solar collectors within five years.

Val: Can the trees be topped? Ed Yes. It is a solution for the solar collectors but the trees would continue to spread which will impact the garden. It is not the height of the trees that impacts the garden it is the width. If the garden is moved there is no place that he can think of that has sun exposure and water supply that is not being used for some other purpose.

Jennifer objects to topping on the grounds it is less beautiful.

Shelley: Clarification: The motion is permission to cut down Willow Oak tree. If the town does not want the tree to be cut down, they will work with the current location of the garden with the shading. Gardeners would rather live with the tree than move the garden. She stated the Gardeners would not be interested in moving the garden. It is not easy to move a garden. BWVC has been very supportive of the garden and helped supply the water and the gardeners are willing to pay for the water. Not interested in moving the garden because it has been at least a five year process to build up the soil. You just do not move a garden.

They are not interested in expanding the garden space. That motion was passed in January about five years ago but in September there was a report that Shelley submitted a motion to continue to offer plots to residents inside fence area and that continues today.

There is plenty of space. They have a collective area. There are only two or three lots that are presently affected by the shading of the tree. No one has been turned away because of lack of space so there is no need to expand the garden.

Tom: It looks like gardeners are willing to solve problem in another way. We have three months before the next town meeting. We will continue to explore this.

Meeting adjourned 8:05 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted  
Elizabeth Resko  
Arden Secretary

